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This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 11, 2002. In view of the amendments and remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, beginning on line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

(Amended) In certain embodiments of the invention, each reaction zone or area has its own distinct ingress and egress channel. As such, the number of different ingress channels in these embodiments equals the number of different reaction areas of the strip. In yet other embodiments, two or more of the ingress channels may merge into a single channel prior to exit from the strip (see for example channel 50 of Figure 2), such that fluid can be introduced into two or more different reaction areas from a single entry port. In other words, a single ingress channel may branch into two or more sub-channels that enter different reaction zones of the strip. The spacer layer of the subject strips is designed to provide for the desired ingress channel pattern, e.g., separate or merged channels.

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